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July 23, 2019

The Honorable Jeff Waldstreicher
The Senate of Maryland
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11 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401

The Honorable Alfred C. Carr, Jr.
The Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Emily Shetty
The Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Jared Solomon
The Maryland House of Delegates
222 House Office Building
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Dear Senator Jeff Waldstreicher and Delegates Carr, Shetty, and Solomon:

Thank you for contacting the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) regarding the request for the pedestrian sidewalk along Strathmore Avenue (MD 547) within the Town of Garrett Park. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your request.

The MDOT SHA has initiated a feasibility study for sidewalk along Strathmore Avenue (MD 547). This feasibility study will examine existing and potential sidewalk locations, traffic conditions, speed, existing features such as utilities, as well as potential stormwater management and right-of-way impacts in the area. We anticipate completion in Fall 2019.

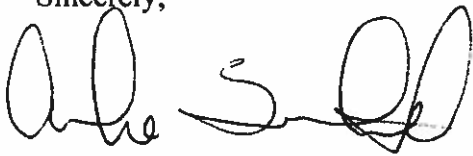
MDOT SHA currently has an on-going drainage improvement project under construction along Strathmore Avenue (MD 547) between the Holy Cross Church entrance and Flanders Avenue. Based on our analysis we are unable to include the addition of sidewalks into that project. We believe the addition of sidewalk would significantly increase environmental impacts and would require permit revisions that would expand the project beyond the original contract scope.

MDOT SHA would like to schedule a field walk with the Town of Garrett Park sometime during the Fall of 2019. Coordination for this field walk will occur through the MDOT SHA District 3 Deputy District Engineer, Ms. Erica Rigby.

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Thank you again for contacting us. We appreciate hearing from you. If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Mr. Christopher Bishop, MDOT SHA District 3 Community Liaison for Montgomery County, at 301-513-7405, or via email at cbishop@mdot.maryland.gov. Mr. Bishop will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andre Futrell', with a stylized, cursive script.

Andre Futrell
District Engineer

cc: The Honorable Kacky Chantry, Mayor, Town of Garrett Park
The Honorable Andrew Friedson, Councilmember, Montgomery County Council
The Honorable Jane McClintock, Councilmember, Town of Garrett Park
The Honorable Stephen Paczkowski, Councilmember, Town of Garrett Park
The Honorable Phil Schulp, Councilmember, Town of Garrett Park
The Honorable Dan Simons, Councilmember, Town of Garrett Park
The Honorable Hans Wenger, Councilmember, Town of Garrett Park
Father Robert Buchmeier, Pastor, Holy Cross Catholic Church
Ms. Cindy Kratz, Parish Council Chair, Parish Council, Holy Cross Catholic Church
Mr. Christopher Bishop, District Three Community Liaison, MDOT SHA
Mr. Al Roshdieh, Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation
Ms. Erica Rigby, District Three Deputy District Engineer, MDOT SHA